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Art unit 3679

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extending along the tubular housing from the first end to the second end, the tubular housing having an exterior surface;

plural openings extending transversely through the housing from the interior surface to the exterior surface; and

a coating on the exterior surface of the tubular housing and covering the plural openings.

7. A rod string formed of plural rods connected by plural rod couplings, each rod coupling comprising:

a tubular housing having a first end adapted for threaded connection to a rod in a downhole rod string and a second end adapted for threaded connection to a rod in a downhole rod string, the tubular housing having an interior surface defining a bore extending along the tubular housing from the first end to the second end, the tubular housing having an exterior surface;

plural openings extending transversely through the housing from the interior surface to the exterior surface; and

a coating on the exterior surface of the tubular housing and covering the plural openings.

REMARKS

Claim for priority

Applicant proposes to defer filing the certified copy of the foreign application until allowance.

Objection to the Specification

Applicant encloses revised pages 2 and 3 that incorporate the changes suggested by the examiner. Applicant thanks the examiner for his careful review of the disclosure.